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Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, April 29, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, May 6, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, May 13, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.
Del Valle Education Center, 1963
Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek.
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Stanley Library
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

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Design Tweaks for Downtown KB Home Project

By Cathy Tyson



Lafayette Town Center Phase III, Option 1 south elevation

Image provided

It was down to the wire when the Lafayette city council finally conditionally approved the multi-story 72-unit KB Home condominium project slated for the gravel parking lot behind Panda Express; a Dec. 6, 2012 deadline was firmly spelled out in the Process Agreement that governs the project. While that deadline was firm, and progress had been made on the architectural plans, there were concerns about a number of design

details that hadn't been finalized to everyone's satisfaction.

The project was conditionally approved based on a complete set of plans that the design review and planning commissions can fully support. Six specific design directives were itemized to clarify what the city is looking for in the structure. The project had an initial informal study session in February that demonstrated positive progress, but further refinement was needed,

said senior planner Christine Sinnette.

Although there have been significant adjustments to date, the design review commission again reviewed the most recent set of updated plans and met with the architect and developer to give feedback. One design directive stated, "Incorporate a grand gesture or organizing element." Although the applicant responded with an entry pavilion that was taller and had a gable roof, city

planning staff agreed with the commission that "it needs to be grander and less commercial looking."

The project is making headway and KB Home senior vice president Ray Panek was gracious about the constructive criticism. "We heard about more finite details that we need to work on." Going forward, the applicant will schedule another study session incorporating suggestions heard at this meeting to iron out design wrinkles.

Future of Bike Park and Manzanita Building Still Uncertain

Spoiler alert: more discussion before decisions

By Cathy Tyson

A standing room only crowd filled with bicycle enthusiasts, along with bike park opponents, commented on the proposed 1.8 acre park tentatively planned for a hillside near the baseball fields of the Lafayette Community Park. With a history of emotional input at past bike park meetings and recent lobbying by both sides—including a nolafayettebikepark.com website, coupled with a flurry of pro and con email—Mayor Mike Anderson cautioned the

audience up front that, "this is an important democratic process, not a rally," and asked attendees to refrain from clapping and outbursts.

After hours of passionate public testimony, the city council was slated to make a decision April 8 on a proposed re-building of the 60-year-old Manzanita building and controversial bike park. The full house at the Community Hall had dwindled substantially prior to the final word on both projects that came close to midnight.

If these topics sound familiar, it's because they were both up for discussion at a meeting in March, but since the Parks, Trails and Recreation department was scheduled to present its annual Capital Improvement Plan in April, a vote was postponed until the CIP could be reviewed. The CIP is a long range planning tool to help manage projected revenue and prioritizes projects; the current construction boom in Lafayette has boosted funding paid

by developers in park facility fees.

Along with the bike park, the Manzanita building at the Lafayette Community Center was listed as a priority project in the CIP due to its rapidly deteriorating structure. The Parks Trails and Recreation Commission looked at a number of options and recommended a complete tear down of the building and in its place a more functional, flexible structure that would cost \$1.8 million.

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Lafayette Police Department Crime Statistics

Two-week period:
March 31-April 13
Alarm responses (90)

Burglaries

- Auto (4)
Mt Diablo Blvd (2)
Pleasant Hill Rd
Glorietta Blvd

- Commercial (2)
Mt Diablo Blvd
- Residential (2)
Cambridge Dr
2nd Street
- DUI (2)
Mt Diablo Blvd
Moraga Rd @ Tofflemire

- Grand Theft (2)
Mt Diablo Blvd
Silverado Dr
- Petty Theft(10)
Mt Diablo Blvd (2)
Roxanne Ln
S Lucille Ln
Burton Dr

- N Lucille Ln
Carol Ln (2)
Palo Alto Dr
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- Stolen Vehicle (3)
Mt Diablo Blvd
- Traffic Stops (168)

- Vandalism (2)
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